

How to Use the IT Services Technical Specialist Statewide Contract

Contract #: ITS43 Technical Specialist Contract Duration: 07/01/2010 to 07/01/14
MMARS #: ITS43TechSpec* Options to renew: No options available
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This contract contains Small Business Purchasing Program (SBPP) and Supplier
Diversity Office SDO Contractors
Last change date: 02/14/14

Contract User Alert – 6/18/2013

Interim Contracts have been executed with most of the current ITS43 Technical Specialist Contractors through 6/30/2014. Please see the last column of [Vendor Listing 1](#) to see status for each Vendor.

The Strategic Sourcing Team (SST) for this procurement offered most ITS43 Technical Specialist contractors a one-year interim contract, through 6/30/2014, to put the Technical Specialist Contract on the same schedule as ITS43 Solution Providers and allow combining the two contracts into one in a successor contract. The new contract to replace both Technical Specialists and Solution Providers will have separate categories for companies whose gross annual income is \$4 million or less (the current requirement for Technical Specialists), and for larger companies (the current ITS43 Solution Provider contract). Thus, the current Technical Specialist companies will not have to compete against larger companies for a place on the new Contract. Combining the Procurements and Contracts will simplify the procurement and contract management processes, and make the contract easier for users to understand. It will also eliminate issues that arise when/if we make changes to the Technical Specialist dollar threshold. We expect to issue the RFR for the combined contract late in 2013/early 2014, with a start date of 7/1/2014.

ITS43 Technical Specialist vendors that are not in compliance with the requirements of their current contracts, or have not done any business under the contract, will not be offered interim contracts. For the most part, these are vendors who have not done any business under the contract. However, if your Commonwealth Agency has a current engagement with any vendors that have not been renewed, and the engagement needs to continue beyond June 30, 2013, please see [Instructions Regarding Engagements with Vendors who do not have Interim Contracts](#).

Contract Summary

This contract is for information technology (IT) professional services to perform fixed price projects. Hardware and commercial software (for example, Microsoft Office) are not covered under this contract. It is for services only. Types of services include:

- Software and Systems Development,

- Geographic Information Systems (GIS),
- Systems Integration / Networking,
- Systems Planning,
- Information Security, and
- Electronic Content Management Consulting

This Contract is limited to companies with a gross annual income of less than \$4 million. ITS43 Solution Providers is a similar contract for larger companies.

The contract does **not** include the following types of services:

- Document scanning,
- Web hosting (except for GIS applications),
- Automated network monitoring or similar services,
- Equipment maintenance,
- Data collection,
- Standardized training courses,
- Staff Augmentation (temporary staff paid on an hourly rate basis), and/or
- **Any services that are not primarily intellectual work performed by IT professionals**

Benefits and Cost Savings

- Wide range of vendors and specialty services
- Volume discounts
- 43 vendors, 70% small businesses, 30% M/WBE certified

Who Can Use This Contract?

Applicable Procurement Law: MGL c. 7, § 22; c. 30, § 51, § 52; 801 CMR 21.00

Eligible Entities:

01. Cities, towns, districts, counties and other political subdivisions
02. Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches, including all Departments and elected offices therein;
03. Independent public authorities, commissions and quasi-public agencies
04. Local public libraries, public school districts and charter schools;
05. Public Hospitals, owned by the Commonwealth;
06. Public institutions of high education
07. Public purchasing cooperatives;
08. Non-profit, UFR-certified organizations that are doing business with the Commonwealth;
09. Other states and territories with no prior approval by the State Purchasing Agent required; and
10. Other entities when designated in writing by the State Purchasing Agent.

Pricing and Acquisition Method

Pricing

There are no hourly rates associated with these contracts. At least three quotes must be requested for all new projects, by emailing at least three vendors with the specifications for the project and [requesting a quote](#). Many vendors offer substantial Prompt Pay and volume discounts – see [Vendor Listing 1](#) for this information.

Acquisition Method

The only acquisition method is fee-for-service.

How to Obtain Services

Prepare a Request for Quotes (RFQ)

At a minimum, Agencies must request quotes from at least three companies. The “Statement of Work Template” located on the Forms & Terms tab may be used as the basis for a quote request, completing only those sections where information is available prior to Vendor selection. Also, for examples of completed RFQs, please see Document Numbers RFQ_ITD_GIS_2013_01 and RFQ_ITD_GIS_2013_02. These RFQs contain language to be used if your RFQ will be posted on Comm-PASS and will use the “Bidders Forum” for addressing questions from Vendors. To locate these RFQs, follow the directions under “Additional Information” below, but substitute the above Document Numbers.

Determine RFQ Distribution

If IT Bond funds will be used, projects worth more than \$50,000 must be posted on Comm-PASS. The posting *must* indicate that only ITS43 Technical Specialists (and other qualified Statewide Contractors, if the Agency wishes) may submit quotes.

Otherwise, you may use [Vendor Listing 2](#) below to select companies with the appropriate qualifications to perform the project. If there are many such companies, you may consider Prompt Pay, Warranties, Volume Discounts, M/WBE status, Small Business status, or other factors in making your choices. Please see [Vendor Listing 1](#) for this information. In addition, the [Vendor Information spreadsheet](#) includes additional information on company subspecialties (such as Technology Courseware Development, Wireless Applications, etc.) and pricing for GIS hosting services. Please see [Additional Information](#) to locate this spreadsheet.

It is NOT necessary to restrict your choice to vendors who list a specialty in the area of your project. Vendors were only allowed to select two broad specialties and many vendors have additional specialties. Vendors are not limited to providing services in the specialty areas listed.

Select a Vendor and Negotiate an Agreement

It is not necessary to select the lowest cost bid. The choice may be made based on “best value” to the Commonwealth.

Statement of Work (SOW) Template

The Statement of Work Template must be used for all engagements. It may be tailored to omit sections/terms which are not relevant or to add new sections/terms, however, Section 11.3, "Title and Intellectual Property Rights." may not be altered without the written consent of the General Counsel for ITD (or the General Counsel's designee).

Additionally, Section 7.1.2 provides that if the Vendor will develop a capability for viewing maps and related information on an internet web site, and if that web site will display map information available through MassGIS web mapping services (e.g., parcels, orthophotos, streets, wetlands), then the Vendor is required to use MassGIS geospatial web mapping services. Agencies may not waive this requirement, but must obtain a written waiver from the Director or Assistant Director of MassGIS if the Vendor cannot or will not comply with this requirement. Contact neil.macgaffey@state.ma.us if such a waiver is needed.

Representations by Resources

This document must be signed by all resources (consultants) who will be providing services.

Additional Contract Terms

Time and Materials Engagements

Time and materials work is permitted only in cases where you and the contractor agree that a reasonable fixed price cannot be determined. The time and materials portion of a project should continue only until requirements are sufficiently well known to provide a fixed price quote. Quotes must be solicited from at least three contractors once the requirements have been established. The contractor who developed the requirements may be invited to submit a quote, but all contractors invited to submit quotes must have access to all of the information available to that contractor.

Phased Projects

If a fixed price cannot be provided for one phase of the project until an earlier phase is completed, the project should be structured as a series of fixed price deliverables. In this case, you must solicit quotes from at least three contractors for each phase of the project, unless you obtain a waiver from OSD's Contract Manager for ITS43. Waivers will, in general, be granted if it is impractical for a different contractor to complete the work within your timeframe and budget. This might be the case if only a small percentage of work remains to be completed, or if the project has to be completed within a fixed timeframe in order to be of value.

In soliciting quotes for later phases of a project, you may specify that you will not pay for any time required for a contractor to become familiar with the previous phases of the project.

Maintenance/Support for Systems Developed by Contractor

You may engage a contractor to provide maintenance/support for a system they have developed on an ongoing “as needed” basis for a negotiated hourly (or other time unit) rate or rates. In such cases, you are not obliged to solicit quotes from other contractors.

Warranty Terms

All bidders warrant that any systems they create or modify will operate in substantial conformance with the specifications for three months after acceptance. During the warranty period, bidders will correct any defects at no charge. The warranty period offered varies between 3 months and 12 months depending on the bidder. The warranty period is shown in [Vendor Listing 1](#).

Other Software Support

Contractors who specialize in supporting a particular type of software may be engaged to provide ongoing “as needed” support for software products that have been obtained through other Statewide Contracts. You must solicit three quotes for hourly (or other time unit) support rates.

Subcontracting

You have the right to approve any subcontracts, and the right to a copy of the subcontract.

Performance and Payment Time Frames That Continue Beyond the Duration of the Contract

If you begin an agreement (SOW) with a Vendor at any time before the end of the ITS43 Technical Specialist Contract, the SOW may be for up to three years, even if the ITS43 Technical Specialist Contract will end before your SOW ends. After the ITS43 Contract ends, you may not modify the SOW to change the scope, increase the dollar amount, or extend the termination date.

Additional Information

The RFR is posted on the Forms & Terms tab. A “Vendor Information” spreadsheet includes the information shown below in the Vendor Listings in a single spreadsheet. It also contains additional information on subspecialties (i.e., wireless applications, technology courseware development, etc.) and rates for GIS hosting services. You may find this more practical than the Listings below, since the information can be sorted and used to easily email quotes to multiple vendors.

To locate the Contract (including the Forms & Terms):

1. Go to www.comm-pass.com;
2. Select the “Search for a contract” link (near bottom of page)
3. Enter ITS43 Technical Specialist as the Document Number
4. Select the results link which appears at the top of the page indicating that 1 contract meets the search criteria;

5. Select the View icon (eyeglasses) next to the document listed
6. Select the "Forms &Terms" tab to access the Contract Users Guide, the "Vendor Information" Spreadsheet and the RFR.

Strategic Sourcing Services Team Members

Abraham, Tomy	Department of Children and Families
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Leach, Elizabeth	City of Boston
Lewis-Jeter, Yvette	Department of Insurance
MacGaffey, Neil	Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
Sullivan, Margaret	Department of Police

Instructions Regarding Engagements with Vendors who do not have Interim Contracts

Please see the last column of [Vendor Listing 1](#) to see status for each Vendor.

If your Massachusetts Government Agency has or will have an engagement with an ITS43 IT Staff Augmentation Contractor who was not selected for ITS53, and the engagement is expected to continue beyond 6/30/13, then on or before 6/30/13 your agency must enter into a written agreement with the current ITS43 company which:

- Identifies the services to be provided, the duration (maximum end date), and the maximum obligation
- Is signed by both parties
- Does not extend more than three years from the date the written agreement is signed

Agencies that must encumber funds, and make payments, using MMARS (the Commonwealth's Accounting System) must follow these instructions from the Comptroller's Office:

Referencing a Statewide Master Agreement (MA) Beyond the MA End Date

Several of OSD's Statewide MAs have supporting procurement language that allows departments to enter into an agreement with a vendor that extends beyond the defined statewide MA Expiration Date. CT, RPO, and PC encumbrance transactions may reference an MA if the "Service From" and/or "Service To" dates on the encumbrance are later than the MA Expiration date as long as the following two criteria are met: 1)

the initial encumbrance start date falls within the MA dates of service; and, 2) the MA has supporting language that allows such an arrangement.

The encumbrance transaction will reject when submitted in MMARS due to one or both of the following error messages: "Service From Date not within the referenced Dates of Service. (A2891)" or "Service To Date is not within the referenced Dates of Service (A2892)". These error messages will require an override by CTR for the CT and RPO and by OSD for the PC transaction. For PC overrides, contact Elaine LaMonica at OSD and for CT and RPO overrides contact your CTR Contract Liaisons. NOTE: The request for an override must come from an authorized Department signatory via an email.

The following statement must be entered in the MMARS encumbrance transaction Document Comments field: "(Insert Department Name or 3 digit designation) certifies that the encumbrance's initial start date falls within the MA dates of service and the MA being referenced allows an encumbrance end date that goes beyond the MA expiration date". By inserting this specific document comment, a department is certifying that they are using the MA properly and in accordance with its terms. Documents without this statement will not be processed to a Final phase in MMARS.

NOTE: This document comment must be inserted each time the encumbrance is modified. It is not sufficient to refer to a comment that was inserted on a previous version.

Vendor Listing 1 – Warranty, Volume Discount, Prompt Pay, M/WBE, Small Business

Awarded Contractors	email	Warranty Months - #	Volume Disc - \$50,000 or over	PPD10	PPD15	PPD20	PPD30	Certified M/WBE	Small Business	Contract Extended through 6/30/14?
Aciron Consulting LLC	puneet.gangal@aciron.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%		y	
Applied Geographics, Inc.	tharr@appgeo.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%		y	Yes
Ayacht Technology Solutions, LLC	mayotte.compass@ayacht.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%		y	Yes
Blue Front Telecom Group, LLC	dp@bftelecom.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%		y	Yes
Boston Data Group, Inc.	walter@bostondatagroup.com	12	NA	1%	1%	1%	NA			Yes
Boston Systems & Solutions	kwrenn@bssc corp.com	12	5%	5%	NA	NA	NA		y	Yes
BrickLogix	sanjeev@bricklogix.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	MBE	y	Yes
Bronner Group, LLC	mkatzin@bronnergroup.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	WBE	y	
CARTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATES INC.	tfountain@cai-info.com	12	3%	3%	2%	NA	NA			Yes
Chameleon Consulting Inc.	robin@chamcon.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	WBE	y	Yes
chloen systems inc.	ccampeau@chloensystems.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%		y	Yes
Communications Analysis Associates	bob@caaconsult.com	12	3%	5%	4%	3%	1%			Yes

Awarded Contractors	email	Warranty Months - #	Volume Disc - \$50,000 or over	PPD10	PPD15	PPD20	PPD30	Certified M/WBE	Small Business	Contract Extended through 6/30/14?
Corporate IT Solutions, Inc.	jdonegan@corpitsol.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%		y	Yes
Creative Stride Inc.	sales@creativestride.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	M/WBE		SUSPENDED
DFA Group, LLC	dflaherty@AshtonServices.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%			Yes
FAIRFAX DATA SYSTEMS	rfp@fairfaxdatasystems.com	5	3%	3%	2%	1%	NA	MBE		Yes
Full Circle Technologies Inc	rajan@fullcircletech.com	12	5%	5%	4%	4%	NA	MBE	y	Yes
Geonetics	mvonwahlde@geonetics.com	12	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%		y	Yes
Global Sage Group	htheberge@globalsagegroup.com	9	4%	3%	2%	1%	1%		y	Yes
Guardian Information Technologies, Inc	klorian@guardianinfo.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%		y	Yes
HighTechnique, Inc.	rcardoza@hightechnique.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%		y	Yes
IPT Associates LLC	bill.williams@iptassociates.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%			
JFK Systems, LLC	jkilloran@jfksystems.com	12	5%	5%	5%	4%	3%		y	Yes
Kyran Research Associates, Inc.	nancyw@kyran.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	WBE		Yes
MedAcuity Software	rsullivan@medacuitysoftware.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%			
Nelson Communications, Inc.	rpommet@nelcom.com	12	3%	5%	4%	3%	1%		y	Yes
PeopleGIS, Inc.	kevin@peoplegis.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%		y	Yes

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Performance Guidance Group, Inc.	pggi-sjc@ix.netcom.com	12	NA	1%	1%	1%	1%		y	Yes
Sahasra Technologies Corp	priya@esahasra.com	9	4%	5%	3%	3%	3%		y	
Soltrix Technology Solutions, Inc.	raghu.nandan@soltrixsolutions.com; raghu.nandan@soltrix.net	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	M/WBE		Yes
Stellar Corporation	sroy@stlr.net	12	5%	4%	4%	2%	2%	MBE		Yes
Stonewall Solutions	jcondon@stonewallsolutions.com	6	1%	5%	5%	2%	2%		y	Yes
Strategic Solutions Group, LLC	jschaeffer@ssg-llc.com	12	NA	3%	3%	3%	3%		y	Yes
SWBailey Consulting LLC	scott.bailey@swbaileyconsulting.com	3	NA	1%	1%	1%	1%		y	Yes
SymbioSys Solutions, Inc.	arvind@symbiosysinc.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%		y	
Synerginc Corporation	info@synerginc.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%		y	
TECedge LLC	skelley@tecedge.net	12	5%	5%	5%	2%	1%	WBE		Yes
The Communications Counselor LLC	chaloult@communicationscounselor.com	12	5%	5%	5%	3%	3%	WBE		Yes
The Gartrell Group, LLC	molly@gartrellgroup.com	6	5%	5%	4%	3%	2%		y	

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Verity Consulting Co., Inc	daniel.murphy@verityconsultinginc.com	12	NA	3%	2%	2%	2%		y	Yes
ViewPoint Government Solutions	wpizars@viewgov.com	12	5%	5%	5%	5%	2%		y	Yes
Webb Consulting Services, LLC	jwebb@webbconsult.com	12	5%	5%	3%	2%	1%		y	Yes
xfact inc	amit@xfact.com	12	5%	1%	1%	1%	1%		y	Yes

Vendor Listing 2 – Evaluated Specialties

The six broad specialty areas below were evaluated by the Strategic Sourcing Team. To qualify, Vendors provided detailed descriptions of two projects in a specialty, including scope and outcome, with client references for each project. Vendors could propose in at most two specialties. Vendors are NOT limited to providing services in their qualified specialty areas. Also, please see the [Vendor Listing](#) on Comm-PASS for additional information on subspecialties such as technical courseware development, wireless application development, etc.

For contact, prompt pay, warranty, M/WBE status, Small Business status, and whether Vendor's contract has been extended through 6/30/2014, please see [Vendor Listing 1](#).

Awarded Contractors	email	Software and Systems Development	Systems Integration / Networking	Systems Planning	Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	Information Security	Electronic Content Management
Aciron Consulting LLC	puneet.gangal@aciron.com	x					
Applied Geographics, Inc.	tharr@appgeo.com				x		
Ayacht Technology Solutions, LLC	mayotte.compass@ayacht.com		x	x			
Blue Front Telecom Group, LLC	dp@bftelecom.com		x				
Boston Data Group, Inc.	walter@bostondatagroup.com	x	x				
Boston Systems & Solutions	kwrenn@bsscorp.com			x			
BrickLogix	sanjeev@bricklogix.com	x				x	
Bronner Group, LLC	mkatzin@brunnergroup.com		x				
CARTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATES INC.	tfountain@cai-info.com				x		
Chameleon Consulting Inc.	robin@chamcon.com	x		x			
chloen systems inc.	ccampeau@chloensystems.com	x					
Communications Analysis Associates	bob@caaconsult.com		x				
Corporate IT Solutions, Inc.	jdonegan@corpitsol.com					x	
Creative Stride Inc.	sales@creativestride.com	x					

Awarded Contractors	email	Software and Systems Development	Systems Integration / Networking	Systems Planning	Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	Information Security	Electronic Content Management
DFA Group, LLC	dflaherty@AshtonServices.com	x					
FAIRFAX DATA SYSTEMS	rfp@fairfaxdatasystems.com	x					
Full Circle Technologies Inc	rajan@fullcircletech.com	x			x		
Geonetics	mvonwahlde@geonetics.com	x					
Global Sage Group	htheberge@globalsagegroup.com	x					
Guardian Information Technologies, Inc	klorian@guardianinfo.com		x	x			
HighTechnique, Inc.	rcardoza@hightechnique.com					x	
IPT Associates LLC	bill.williams@iptassociates.com	x					
JFK Systems, LLC	jkilloran@jfksystems.com		x				
Kyran Research Associates, Inc.	nancyw@kyran.com	x					
MedAcuity Software	rsullivan@medacuitysoftware.com	x	x				
Nelson Communications, Inc.	rpommet@nelcom.com		x	x			
PeopleGIS, Inc.	kevin@peoplegis.com	x			x		
Performance Guidance Group, Inc.	pggi-sjc@ix.netcom.com		x				
Sahasra Technologies Corp	priya@esahasra.com	x					
Soltrix Technology Solutions, Inc.	raghu.nandan@soltrixsolutions.com; raghu.nandan@soltrix.net	x					
Stellar Corporation	sroy@stlr.net	x					

Awarded Contractors	email	Software and Systems Development	Systems Integration / Networking	Systems Planning	Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	Information Security	Electronic Content Management
Stonewall Solutions	jcondon@stonewallsolutions.com	x					x
Strategic Solutions Group, LLC	jschaeffer@ssg-llc.com	x	x				
SWBailey Consulting LLC	scott.bailey@swbaileyconsulting.com		x				
SymbioSys Solutions, Inc.	arvind@symbiosysinc.com		x				
Synerginc Corporation	info@synerginc.com	x		x			
TECedge LLC	skelley@tecedge.net			x			
The Communications Counselor LLC	chaloult@communicationscounselor.com			x			
The Gartrell Group, LLC	molly@gartrellgroup.com				x		
Verity Consulting Co., Inc	daniel.murphy@verityconsultinginc.com	x					
ViewPoint Government Solutions	wpizars@viewgov.com	x			x		
Webb Consulting Services, LLC	jwebb@webbconsult.com			x			
xfact inc	amit@xfact.com	x					